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SUBJECT: AID EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 6, REFTEL, WE HAVE INFORMED ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AT AVIANO AND CAMP DARBY THEIR SERVICES NOT REQUIRED FOR AID PROGRAM.

2. WE WELCOME ASSURANCES CONTAINED PARA 3 REFTEL. FRAGILITY OF ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION AND IMPORTANT POSITION OF ITALY IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY CALCULATIONS MAKES IT CRUCIAL THAT THIS PROGRAM BE CARRIED OUT IN A WAY THAT IT CAN WITHSTAND MOST HOSTILE SCRUTINY.

3. THE PROGRAM FOR RELIEF IN THE FRIULI NATURALLY WAS IMPELLED BY HUMANITARIAN MOTIVES. HOWEVER, WE HOPE AND INDEED, INTEND, THERE WILL BE A FAVORABLE POLITICAL SPIN-OFF. WE EXPECT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE AMERICAN INSPIRATION FOR AND
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CONTROL OF THIS PROJECT WILL BE CONTINUOUSLY EVIDENT. THE

PRESENCE OF A SMALL AID OFFICE AT UDINE IS PART OF THE IMAGE. THE SELECTION OF AN ENGINEERING CONSULTING FIRM IS ALSO IMPORTANT IN THIS REGARD AND WE TRUST THAT SOME OF THE MANY AMERICAN FIRMS WITH OFFICES IN ITALY WILL BE AMONG THOSE INVITED TO BID.

4. EMBASSY LOOKS FORWARD TO ESTABLISHMENT RESIDENT AID PRESENCE AT UDINE AND WISHES EMPHASIZE AGAIN NEED FOR CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION BETWEEN IT AND EMBASSY AND CONSULATE TRIESTE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR OBJECTIVES IN THE FRIULI, AND ITALY GENERALLY.
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